DOUBLEDUCK
Regali di Natale
TERZO EPISODIO
IN THE PREVIOUS PART:
HAVING LEFT WITH ABEL KONNERY ON THE SEARCH FOR HIS DAUGHTER WHO DISAPPEARED ON A MISSION, DOUBLEDUCK LANDS IN GENEVA, IN TIME TO WITNESS THE ARREST OF JOSEPHINE (WIFE OF ABEL AND MOTHER OF KAY K, AS WELL AS VICE PRESIDENT OF BFC KREDIETBANK), WHO'S FALLEN VICTIM TO A CONSPIRACY! THE TWO FREE HER AND, THANKS TO HER, PART OF THE PLOT IS REVEALED! KAY K, IN THE MEANTIME, ABDUCTED BY AGENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND KEPT PRISONER IN LIECHTENSTEIN, MANAGES TO FLEE...
WALT DISNEY
HOW'D SHE ESCAPE? HOW LONG WAS SHE EAVESDROPPING? TALK!
I-I DON'T KNOW! YANKO WENT DOWN TO BRING HER FOOD AND...
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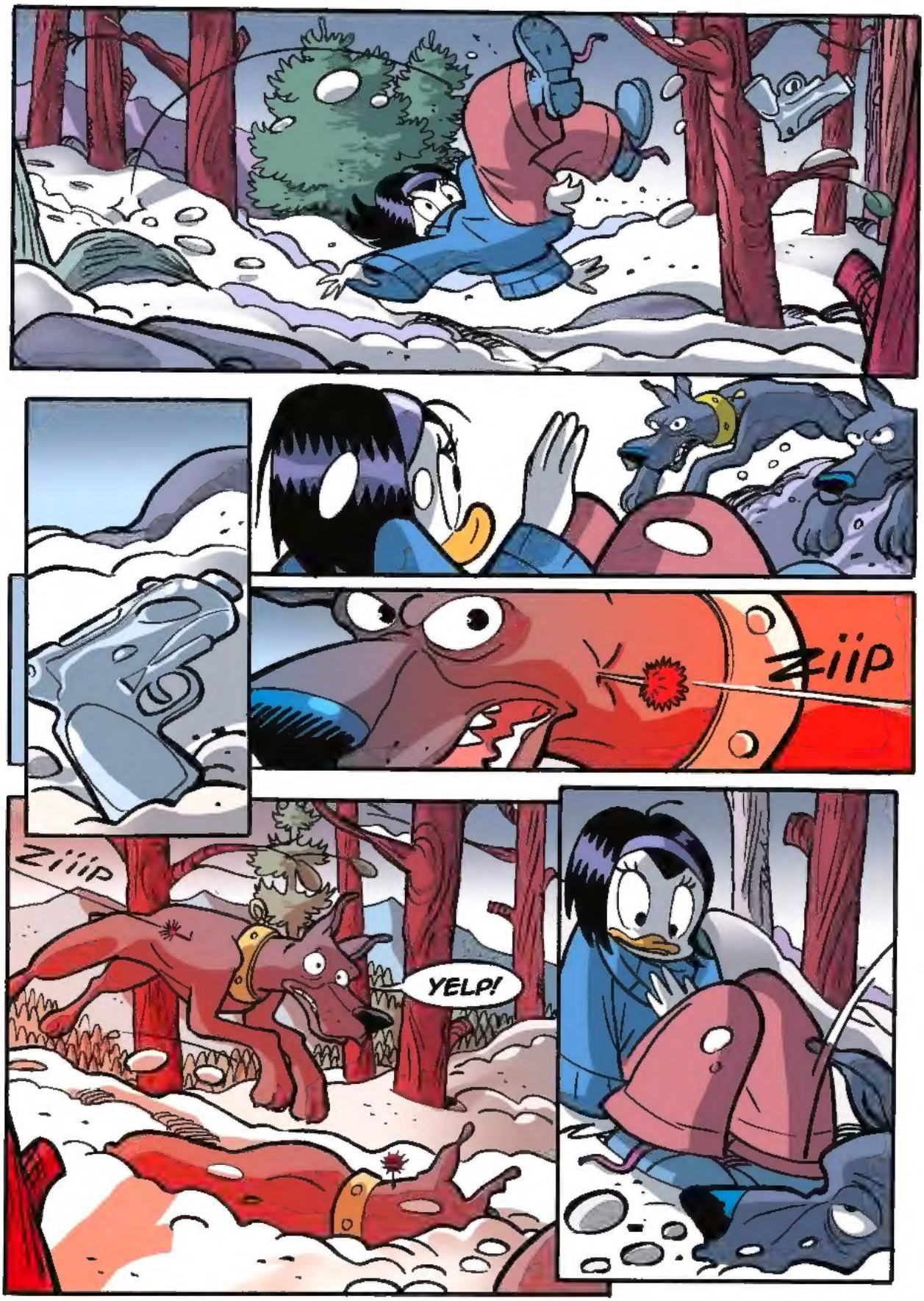
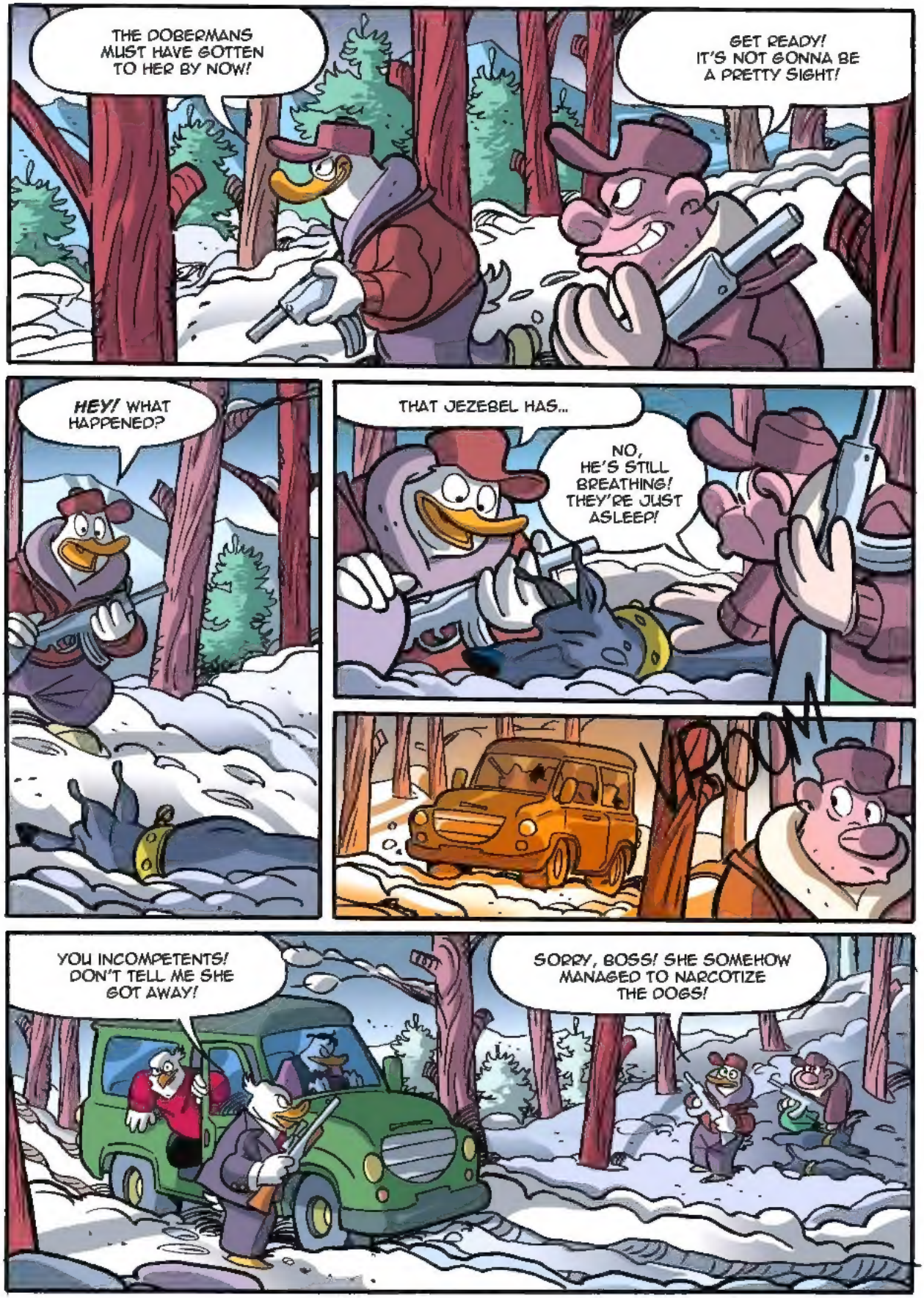
SHE'S CLIMBED THE PERIMETER WALL!
RUN AND WARN THE OTHERS!
REST ASSURED, BOSS! WE'LL GET HER!
I ARDENTLY HOPE SO! OTHERWISE, YOU ARE GOING TO PAY FOR IT!
SHE RAN INTO THE WOODS, TOWARDS THE VALLEY!
HAVE THE DOGS CHASE HER DOWN! JURGEN, TAKE THE JEEP AND WAIT FOR US AT THE GATE!
ON IT!
DO WE HAVE TO CAPTURE HER ALIVE?
AT THIS POINT, THAT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY!
TLA-CLAK

FRASH
VROOOM
SHE'S OVER THERE!
RAT-TAT-TAT

SHE'S STILL OUT OF RANGE! WE GOTTA GET CLOSER!
WHY EXERT OURSELVES? LET'S LEAVE THE FUN TO *THEM!*

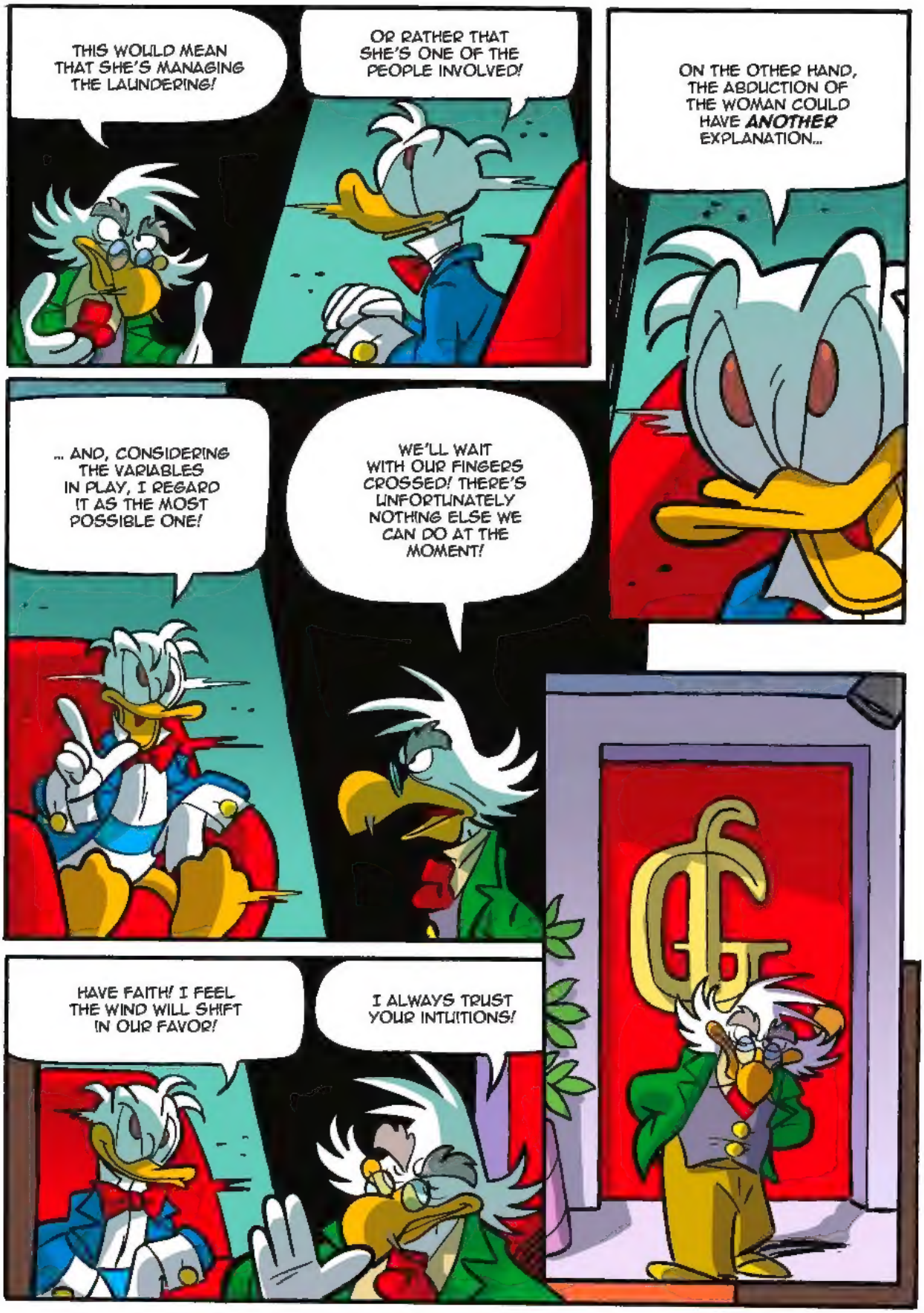

ZiiP
ZiiiP
YELP!

GOOD WORK, DOUBLEDUCK! THAT WAS AN EXCELLENT HIT!
LUCKILY THE DART GUN WORKS MUCH BETTER THAN THAT SATELLITE PHONE!
YOU?!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, SWEETIE?
A FEW SCRATCHES ASIDE, YES!
BUT HOW DID YOU... MOM!
OH, DEAR! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE SAFE!
EHEM... SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT WE'D BETTER GET GOING!
RIGHT, DD! AND WE'LL HAVE TO BE FAST ABOUT IT!

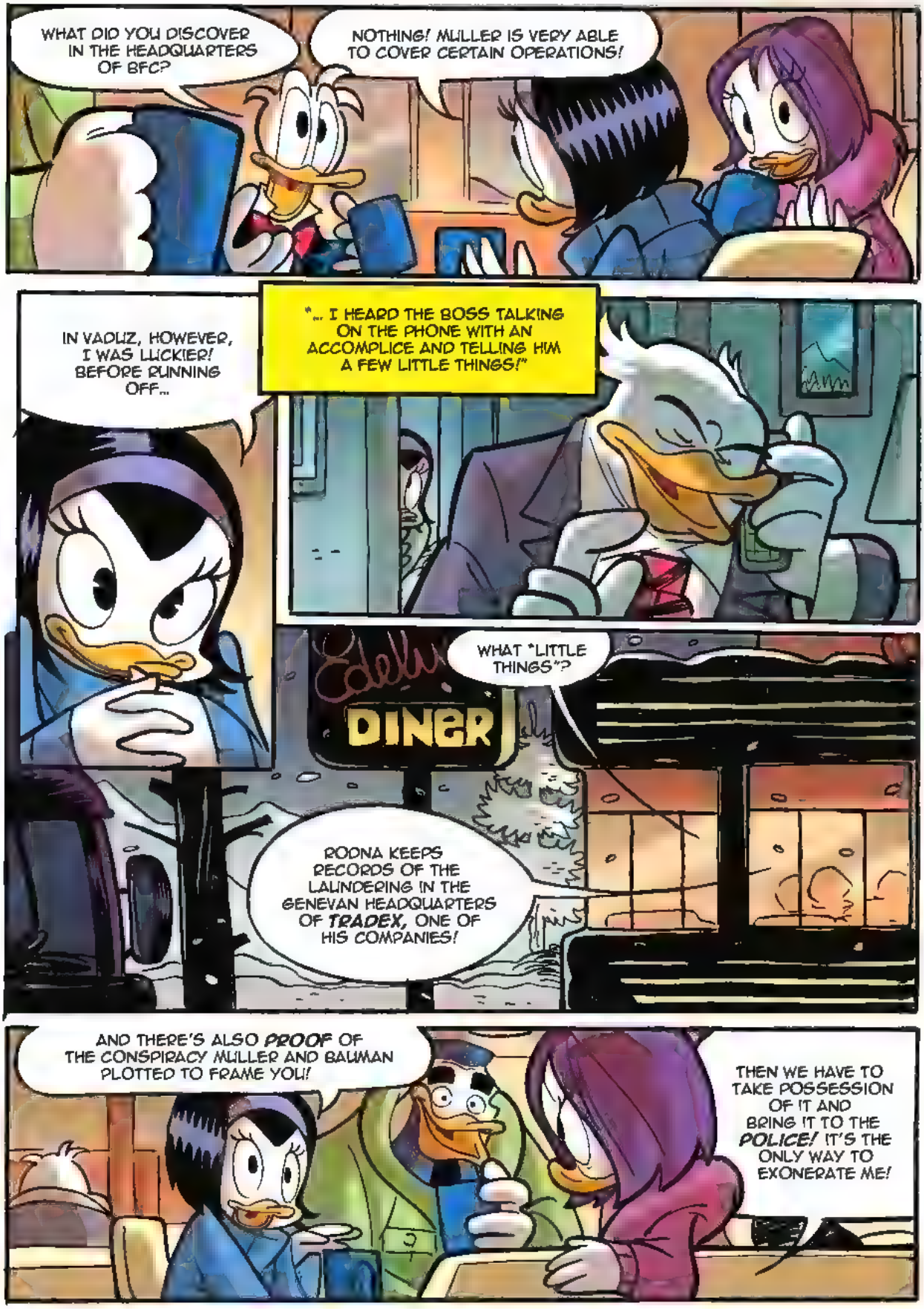

THE DOBERMANS MUST HAVE GOTTEN TO HER BY NOW!
GET READY! IT'S NOT GONNA BE A PRETTY SIGHT!
HEY! WHAT HAPPENED?
THAT JEZEBEL HAS...
NO, HE'S STILL BREATHING! THEY'RE JUST ASLEEP!
VROOM
YOU INCOMPETENTS! DON'T TELL ME SHE GOT AWAY!
SORRY, BOSS! SHE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO NARCOTIZE THE DOGS!

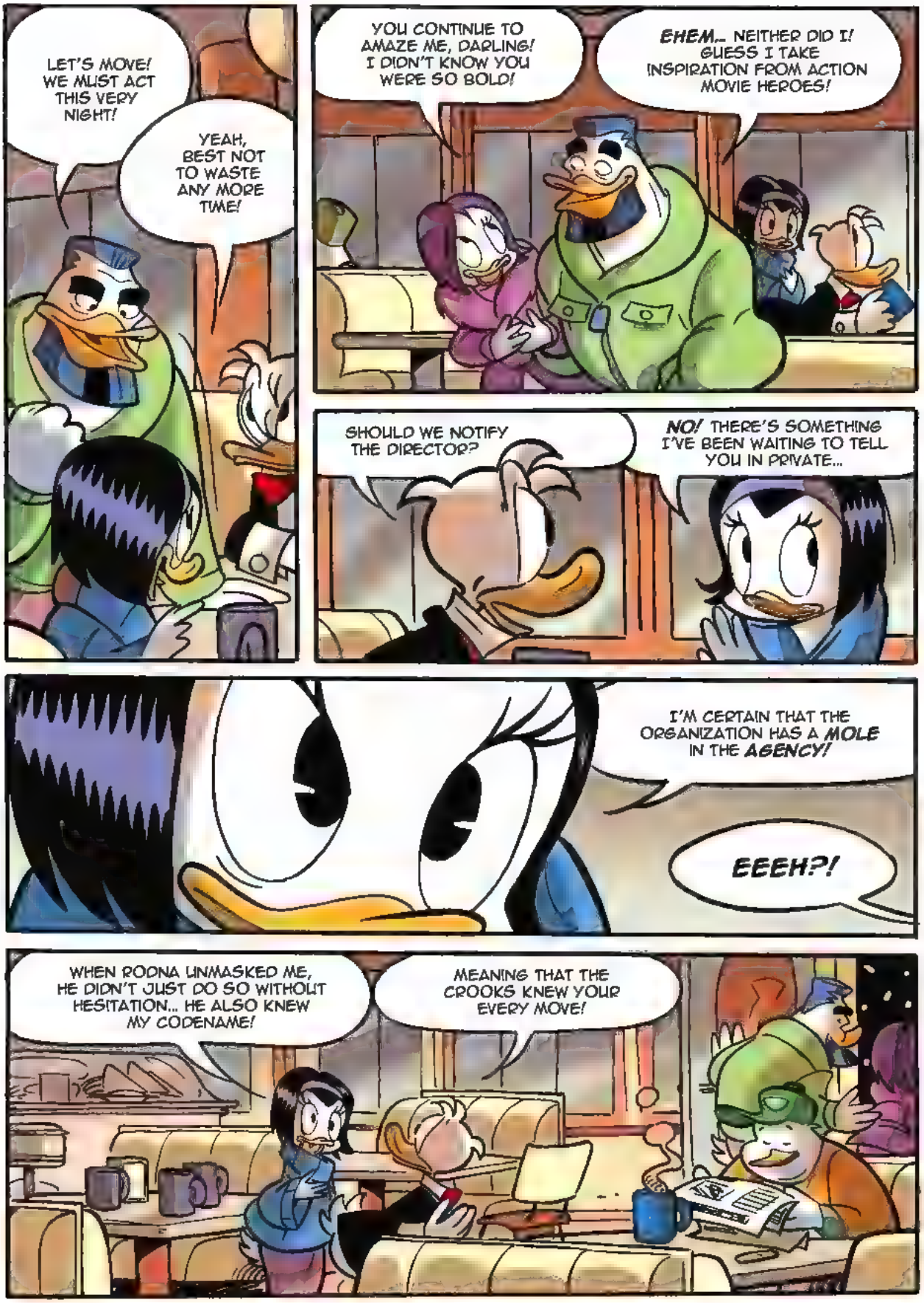
I'LL TELL YOU HOW! SOMEONE HELPED HER!
NUMEROUS FOOTPRINTS! THEY'RE POINTING THAT WAY!
LET'S FOLLOW THEM, QUICKLY!
THE TRAIL ENDS HERE! THEY HAD A CAR READY TO MAKE A GETAWAY!
THE ROAD BRANCHES OFF IN ALL DIRECTIONS FURTHER DOWN! WE'VE LOST THEM!
SO EVERYTHING WAS PLANNED!
IT WOULD SEEM THAT WAY! THE GIRL KNEW HOW AND WHEN TO MOVE!
THIS IS BAD! WE HAVE TO RUN FOR COVER, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

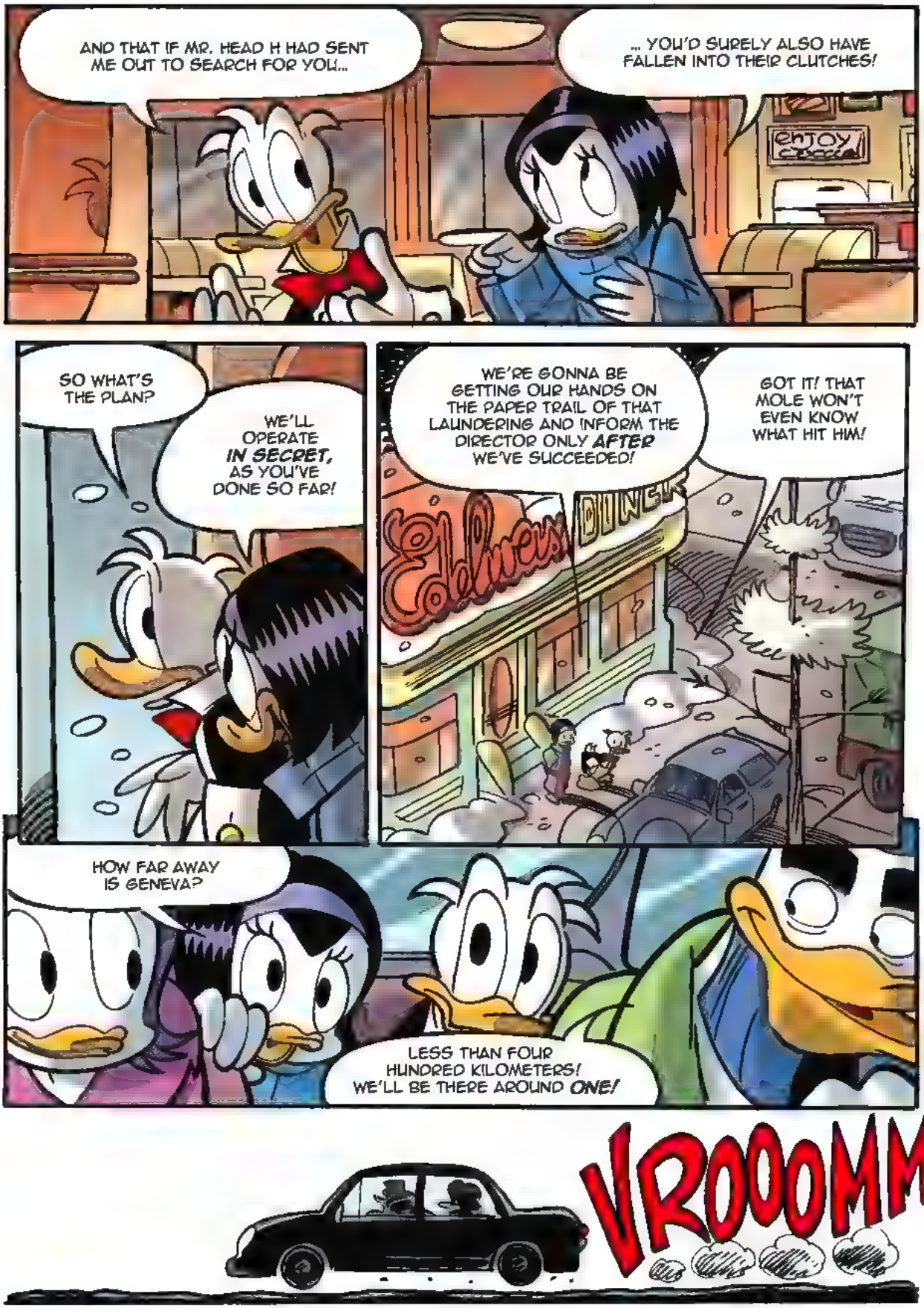
DUCKBURG, DECEMBER 21.
SO, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF BFC KREDIETBANK IS ON THE LOOSE! I IMAGINE YOU HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY...
CERTAINLY! AGENT G-GREY HAS JUST CONFIRMED THE INFORMATION!
A COMMANDO GRABBED HER IN DOWNTOWN GENEVA, NEUTRALIZING THE ESCORTING OFFICERS!
IT IS UNDENIABLE THAT THE EVENT COMES AS A SURPRISE!
BESIDES, WHO COULD HAVE POSSIBLY PREDICTED THAT SHE WOULD BE ARRESTED?
ALAS, EVEN I HAVE MY LIMITS!
IN SHORT, THINGS ARE MOVING, BUT NOT NECESSARILY TO OUR ADVANTAGE!
IF THE BLITZ WAS THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE GOAL WOULD BE CLEAR: PREVENT JOSEPHINE LAGARDERE FROM TALKING!

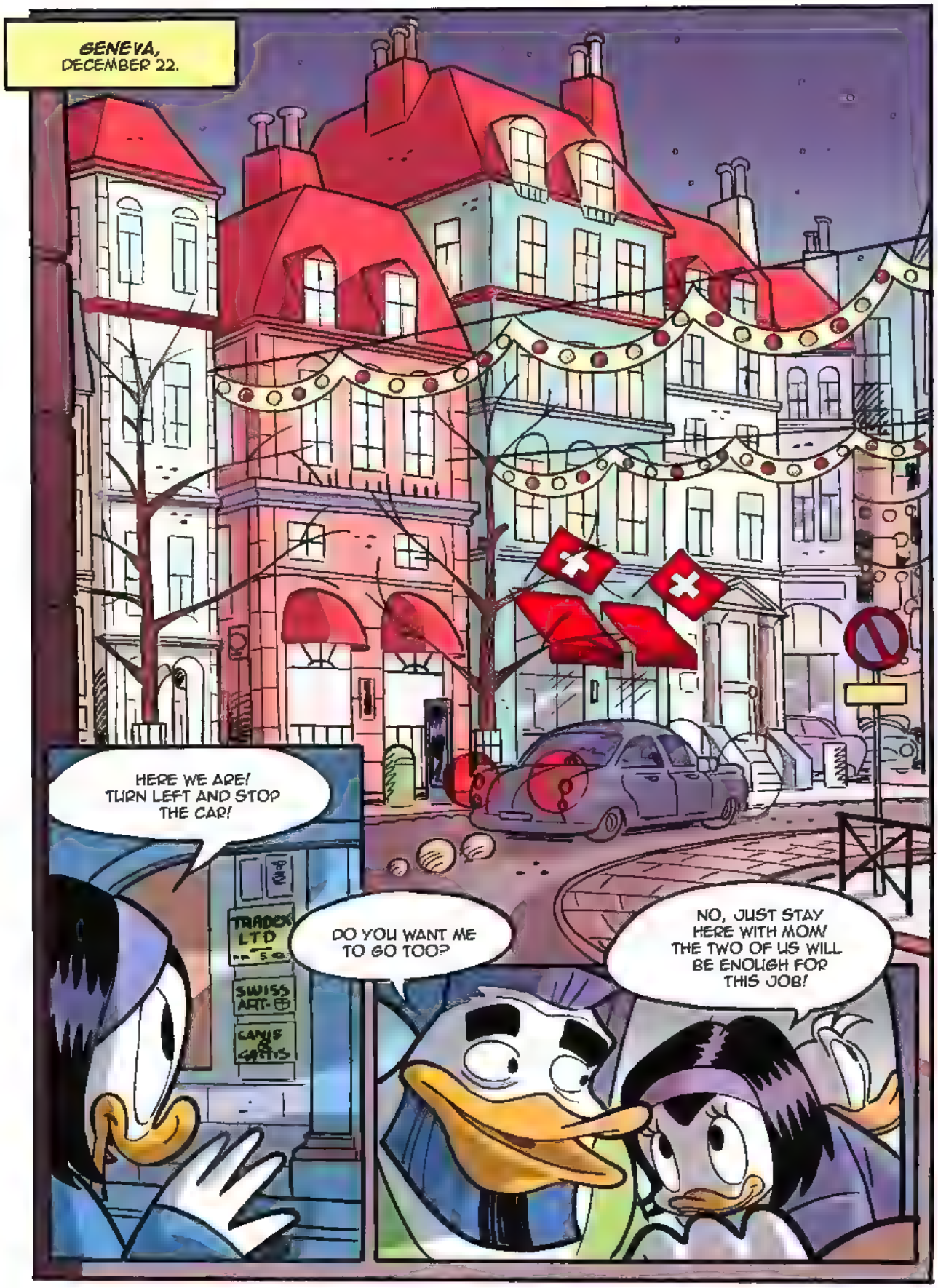

THIS WOULD MEAN THAT SHE'S MANAGING THE LAUNDERING!
OR RATHER THAT SHE'S ONE OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED!
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ABDUCTION OF THE WOMAN COULD HAVE ANOTHER EXPLANATION...
... AND, CONSIDERING THE VARIABLES IN PLAY, I REGARD IT AS THE MOST POSSIBLE ONE!
WE'LL WAIT WITH OUR FINGERS CROSSED! THERE'S UNFORTUNATELY NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO AT THE MOMENT!
HAVE FAITH! I FEEL THE WIND WILL SHIFT IN OUR FAVOR!
I ALWAYS TRUST YOUR INTUITIONS!

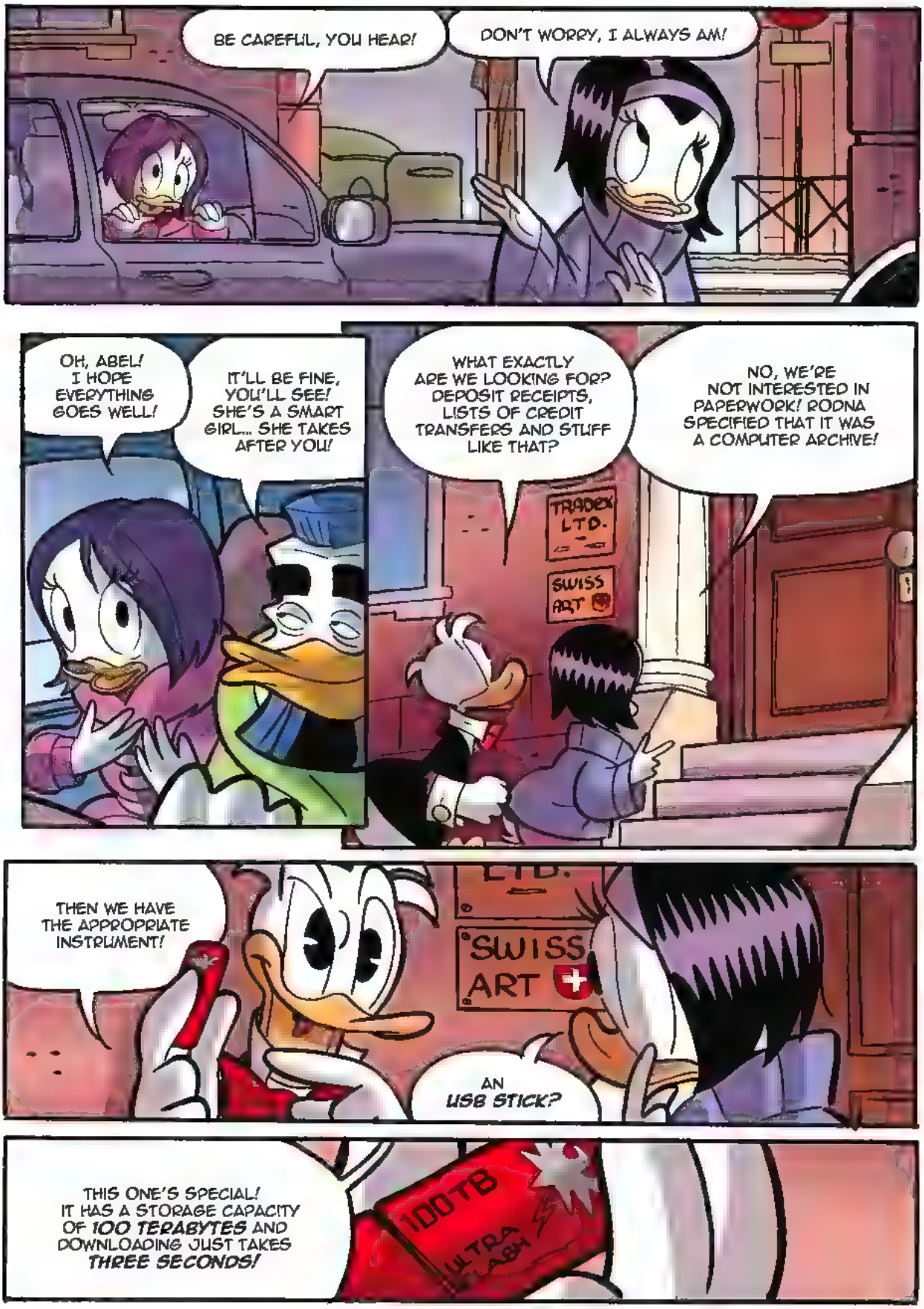
... THEREFORE WE FIGURED THAT RODNA WAS HOLDING YOU CAPTIVE IN HIS VILLA!
SO, YOU WERE GOING TO THE FOREST TO SPY IT OUT FROM ABOVE! NOW EVERYTHING'S CLEAR!
Edelweiss DINER
Edelweiss DINER
BUT TO ME IT'S NOT CLEAR WHY YOU DID NOT CONFIDE IN ME!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MOM!
IT'S JUST THAT IN NEW YORK I SAW YOU IN THE COMPANY OF MULLER AND RODNA AND... YOU SEEMED LIKE GOOD FRIENDS!
BUT YOU KNOW ME... HOW COULD YOU SUSPECT THAT I WAS IN LEAGUE WITH THOSE CRIMINALS?
I'M SORRY! I KNOW NOW THAT I WAS WRONG!
TRY TO UNDERSTAND, JO! SOMETIMES, LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING!


WHAT DID YOU DISCOVER IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF BFC?
NOTHING! MULLER IS VERY ABLE TO COVER CERTAIN OPERATIONS!
IN VADUZ, HOWEVER, I WAS LUCKIER! BEFORE RUNNING OFF...
"... I HEARD THE BOSS TALKING ON THE PHONE WITH AN ACCOMPLICE AND TELLING HIM A FEW LITTLE THINGS!"
WHAT "LITTLE THINGS"?
Edelu
DINER
ROONA KEEPS RECORDS OF THE LAUNDERING IN THE GENEVAN HEADQUARTERS OF TRADEX, ONE OF HIS COMPANIES!
AND THERE'S ALSO PROOF OF THE CONSPIRACY MULLER AND BAUMAN PLOTTED TO FRAME YOU!
THEN WE HAVE TO TAKE POSSESSION OF IT AND BRING IT TO THE POLICE! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO EXONERATE ME!

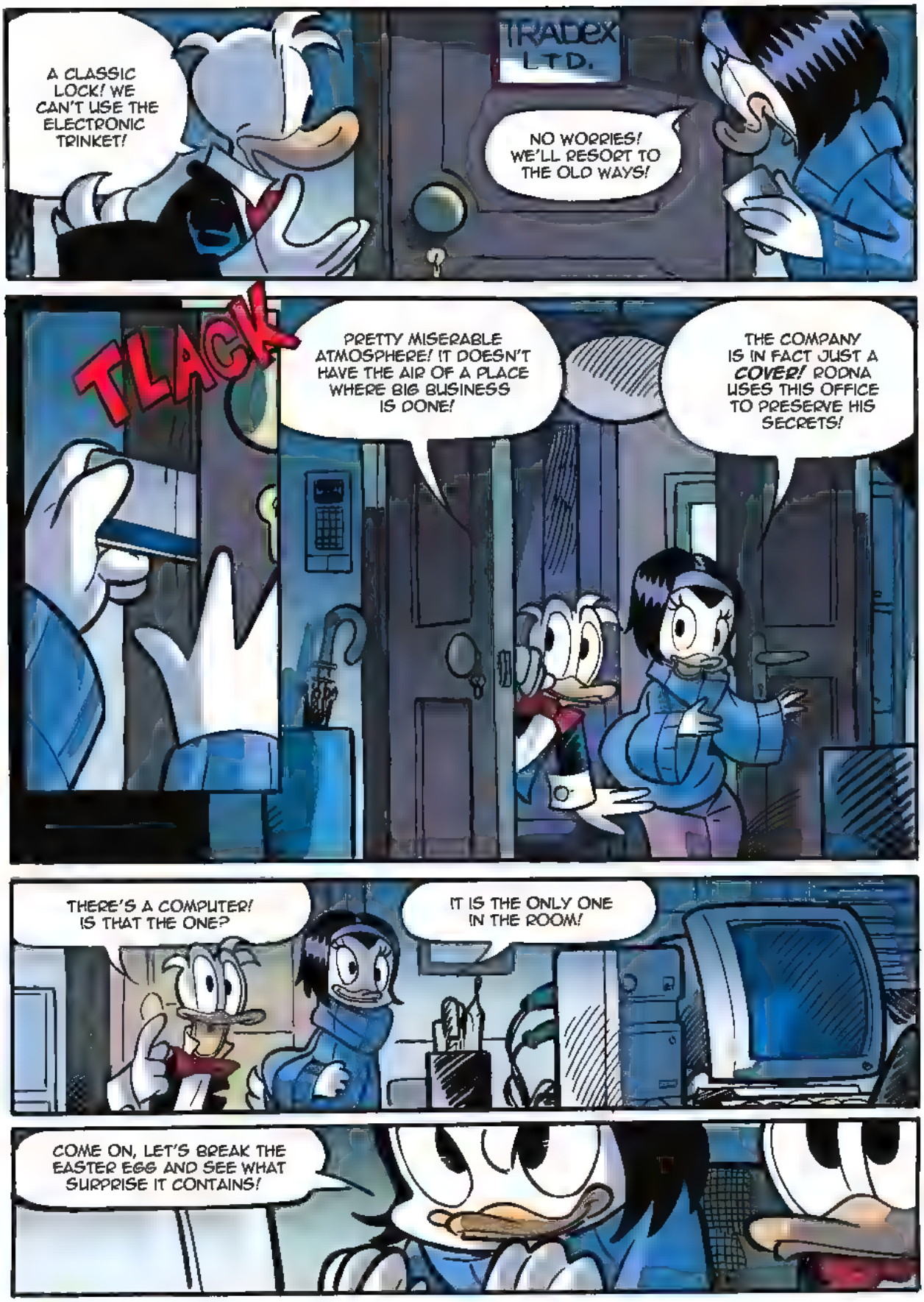

LET'S MOVE! WE MUST ACT THIS VERY NIGHT!
YEAH, BEST NOT TO WASTE ANY MORE TIME!
YOU CONTINUE TO AMAZE ME, DARLING! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO BOLD!
EHEM... NEITHER DID I! GUESS I TAKE INSPIRATION FROM ACTION MOVIE HEROES!
SHOULD WE NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR?
NO! THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WAITING TO TELL YOU IN PRIVATE...
I'M CERTAIN THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS A MOLE IN THE AGENCY!
EEEH?!
WHEN RODNA UNMASKED ME, HE DIDN'T JUST DO SO WITHOUT HESITATION... HE ALSO KNEW MY CODENAME!
MEANING THAT THE CROOKS KNEW YOUR EVERY MOVE!

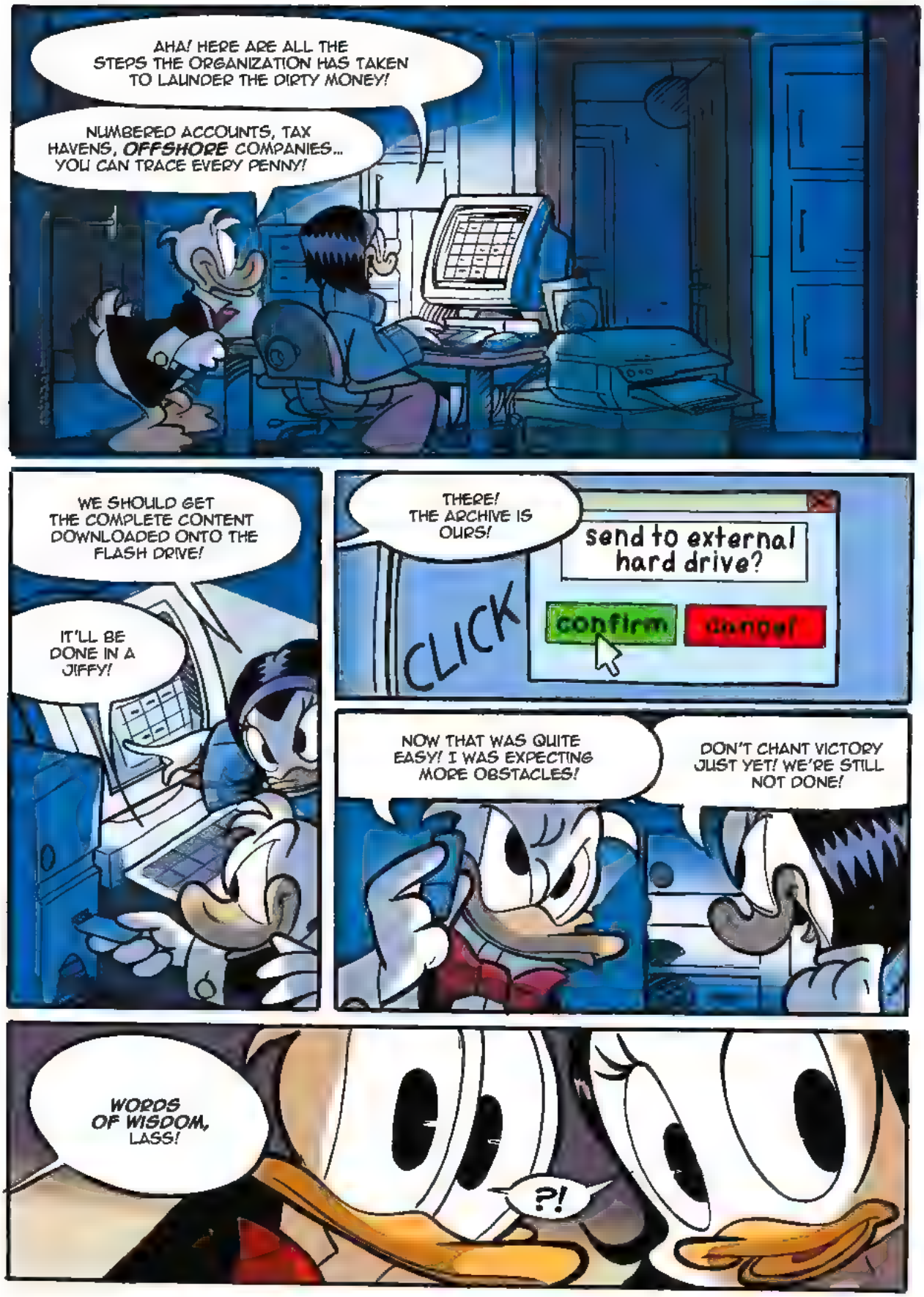

AND THAT IF MR. HEAD H HAD SENT ME OUT TO SEARCH FOR YOU...
... YOU'D SURELY ALSO HAVE FALLEN INTO THEIR CLUTCHES!
enjoy
SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?
WE'LL OPERATE IN SECRET, AS YOU'VE DONE SO FAR!
WE'RE GONNA BE GETTING OUR HANDS ON THE PAPER TRAIL OF THAT LAUNDERING AND INFORM THE DIRECTOR ONLY AFTER WE'VE SUCCEEDED!
GOT IT! THAT MOLE WON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!
Edelweiss DINER
HOW FAR AWAY IS GENEVA?
LESS THAN FOUR HUNDRED KILOMETERS! WE'LL BE THERE AROUND ONE!
VROOOMM


GENEVA,
DECEMBER 22.
HERE WE ARE! TURN LEFT AND STOP THE CAR!
TRADEX LTD
SWISS ART
CANIS & CATTIS
DO YOU WANT ME TO GO TOO?
NO, JUST STAY HERE WITH MOM! THE TWO OF US WILL BE ENOUGH FOR THIS JOB!


BE CAREFUL, YOU HEAR!
DON'T WORRY, I ALWAYS AM!
OH, ABEL! I HOPE EVERYTHING GOES WELL!
IT'LL BE FINE, YOU'LL SEE! SHE'S A SMART GIRL... SHE TAKES AFTER YOU!
WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE LOOKING FOR? DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, LISTS OF CREDIT TRANSFERS AND STUFF LIKE THAT?
NO, WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN PAPERWORK! RODNA SPECIFIED THAT IT WAS A COMPUTER ARCHIVE!
TRADEX LTD.
SWISS ART
THEN WE HAVE THE APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENT!
SWISS ART
AN *USB STICK?*
THIS ONE'S SPECIAL! IT HAS A STORAGE CAPACITY OF *100 TERABYTES* AND DOWNLOADING JUST TAKES *THREE SECONDS!*
100TB
ULTRA FLASH

GIZMO'S LATEST DISCOVERY, I ASSUME!
YEAH! I REMOVED IT FROM HIS LABORATORY!
TRADEX LTD.
DO YOU ALSO HAVE A TOOL FOR OPENING THE FRONT DOOR?
TSK! YOU HAVE TO ASK?
VOILÀ!
CLACK
PERFECT!
DO WE TAKE THE ELEVATOR?
NO NEED TO! TRADEX'S OFFICES ARE AT THE MEZZANINE!

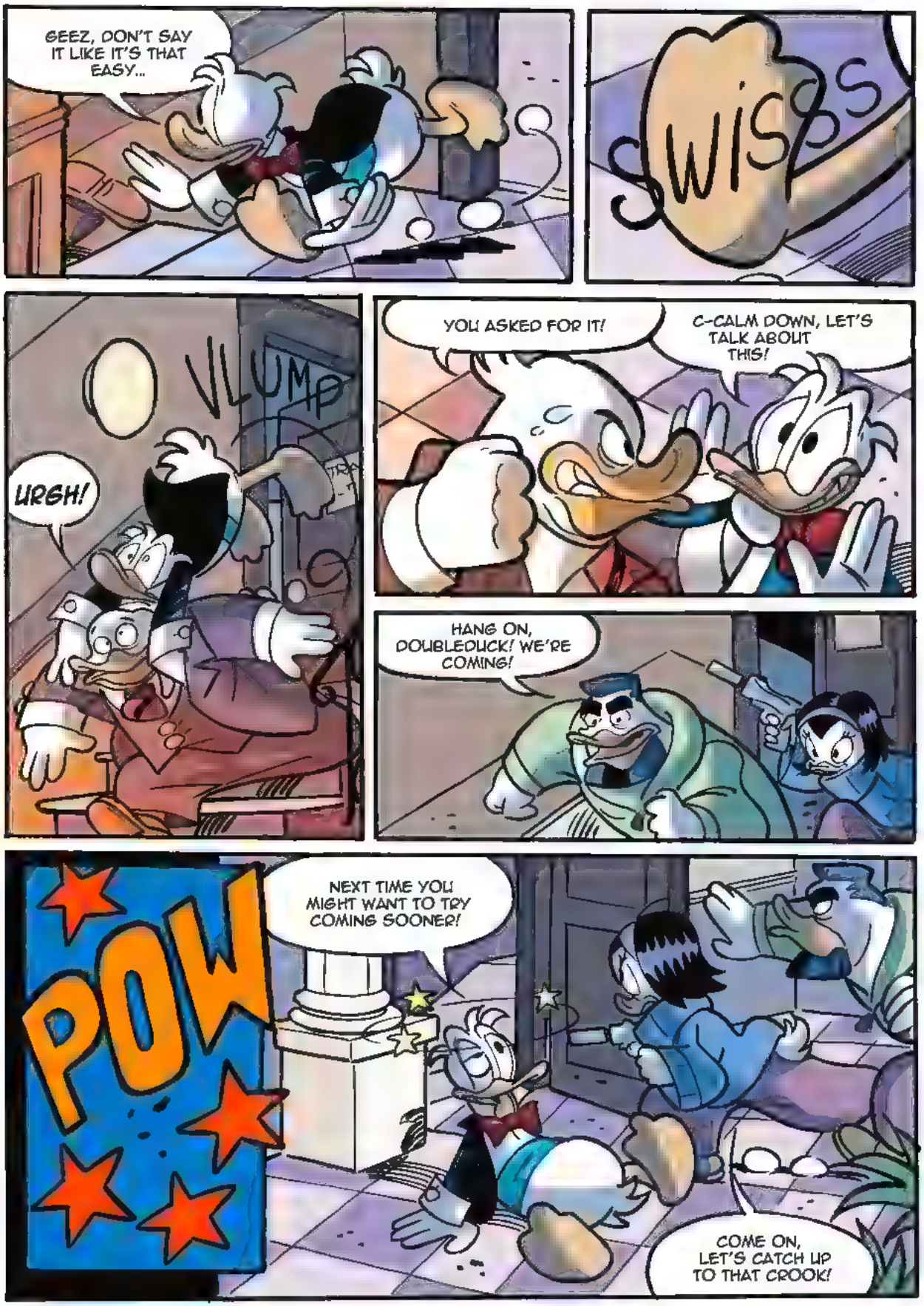

A CLASSIC LOCK! WE CAN'T USE THE ELECTRONIC TRINKET!
TRADEX LTD.
NO WORRIES! WE'LL RESORT TO THE OLD WAYS!
TLACK
PRETTY MISERABLE ATMOSPHERE! IT DOESN'T HAVE THE AIR OF A PLACE WHERE BIG BUSINESS IS DONE!
THE COMPANY IS IN FACT JUST A COVER! RODNA USES THIS OFFICE TO PRESERVE HIS SECRETS!
THERE'S A COMPUTER! IS THAT THE ONE?
IT IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE ROOM!
COME ON, LET'S BREAK THE EASTER EGG AND SEE WHAT SURPRISE IT CONTAINS!

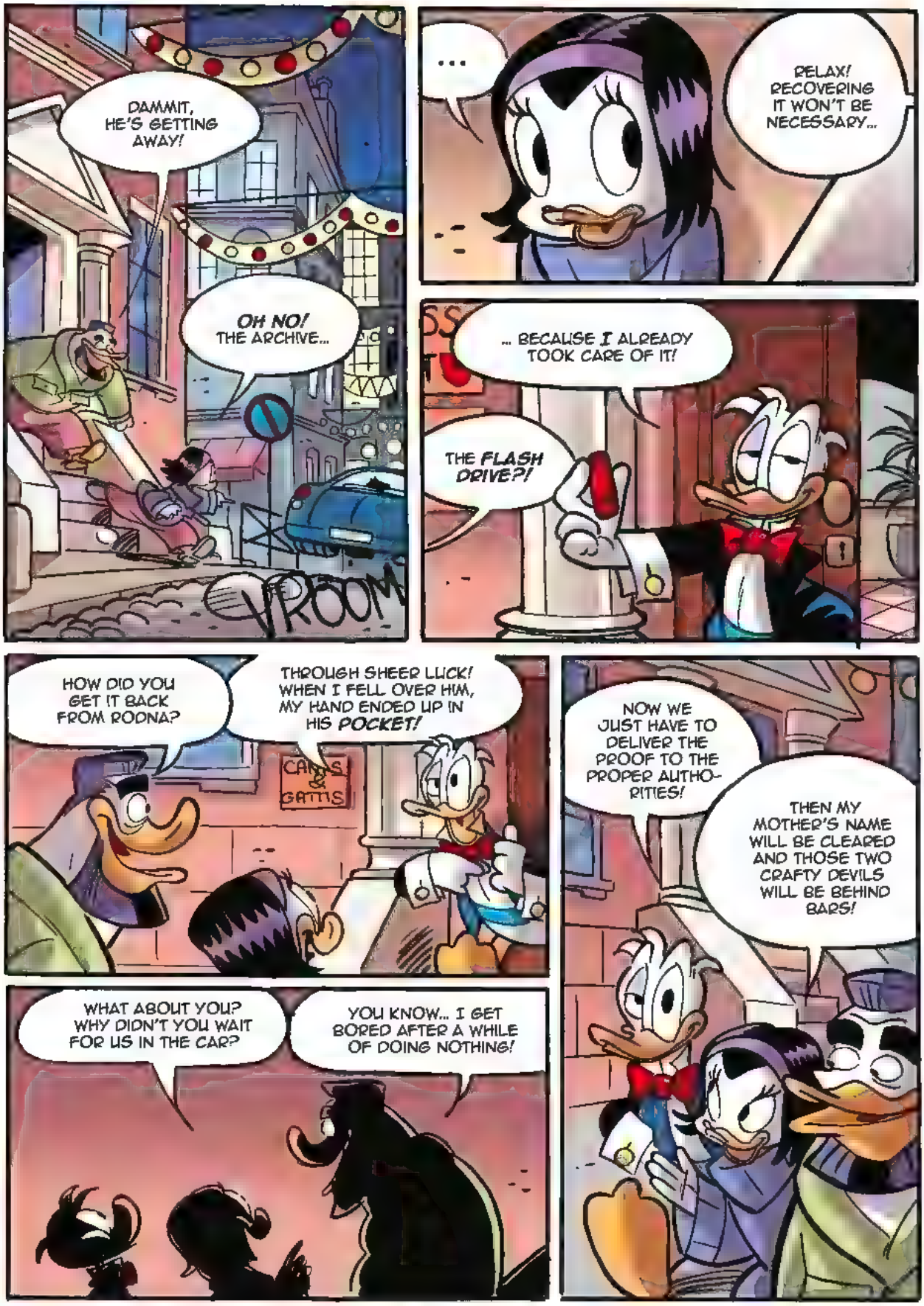

AHA! HERE ARE ALL THE STEPS THE ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN TO LAUNDER THE DIRTY MONEY!
NUMBERED ACCOUNTS, TAX HAVENS, OFFSHORE COMPANIES... YOU CAN TRACE EVERY PENNY!
WE SHOULD GET THE COMPLETE CONTENT DOWNLOADED ONTO THE FLASH DRIVE!
IT'LL BE DONE IN A JIFFY!
THERE! THE ARCHIVE IS OURS!
CLICK
send to external hard drive?
confirm
cancel
NOW THAT WAS QUITE EASY! I WAS EXPECTING MORE OBSTACLES!
DON'T CHANT VICTORY JUST YET! WE'RE STILL NOT DONE!
WORDS OF WISDOM, LASS!
?!

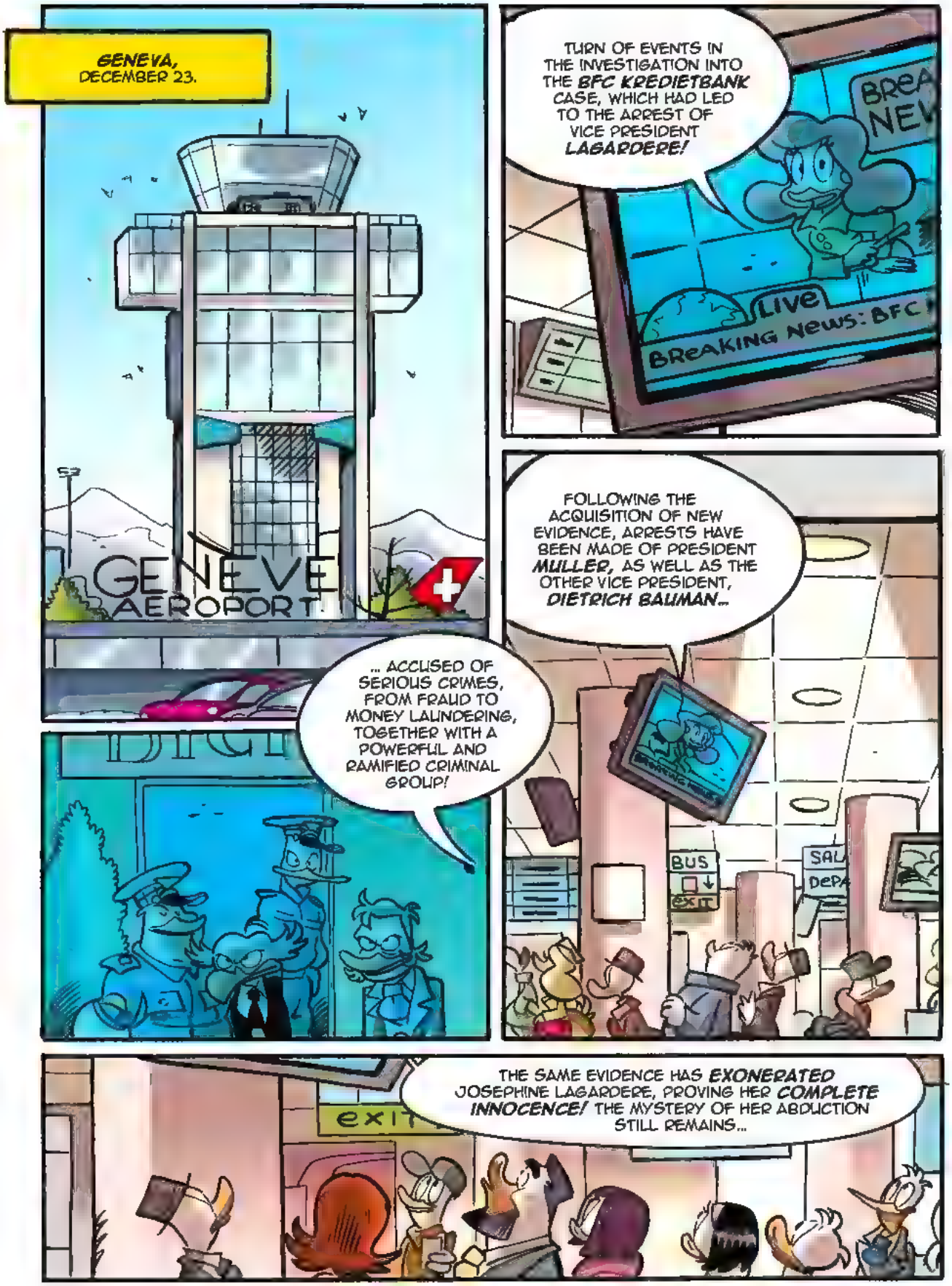
YOU WERE QUICK TO GET HERE! BUT, AS YOU CAN SEE, WE ALSO STEPPED ON THE GAS!
GULP! HE'S...
YOU HAVE GOOD MEMORY, DOUBLE-DUCK!
RODNA!
CONTROL C, THE AGENCY'S AREA MANAGER OF EUROPE! THE MOLE IS YOU!
"MOLE"... NASTY WORD! I PREFER "DISCREET CONFIDANT"!
OUR PARTNER WAS DETERMINED TO BE PRESENT!
I COULDN'T MISS THE LAST ACT OF THE PLAY!
SO, YOU'VE INFORMED THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AGENCY'S EVERY MOVE...
INCLUDING THOSE FOR FINDING KAY K, AFTER HER DISAPPEARANCE!

I THINK WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE WITH ALL THE PLEASANTRIES! JURGEN!
ON IT, BOSS!
BECAUSE OF YOU, MY PRECIOUS ARCHIVE WILL HAVE TO BE MOVED...
TLACK
... BUT FINDING A MORE SECURE PLACE WON'T BE HARD! THE STICK, PLEASE!
SGRUNT!
YOU KNOW WHERE TO TAKE IT! WE'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU!
HE HE!
GOTCHA!
WE JUST NEED A MOMENT TO TIE UP A COUPLE LOOSE ENDS!
THEN I'LL GET GOING! I'M A HYPERSENSITIVE GUY AND CAN'T STAND SUCH SPECTACLES!

MAKE NO MISTAKE! SOONER OR LATER YOU'LL PAY FOR IT!
THAT IS A POSSIBLY, SUNSHINE! THE ONLY THING THAT'S CERTAIN...
... IS THAT THE PARTY ENDS HERE FOR YOU!
URGH!
SOCK
NICE HIT, DAD!
SOCK
OUCH...
YOU WON'T TAKE ME!
OOOF!
STOMP
DD, STOP HIM!

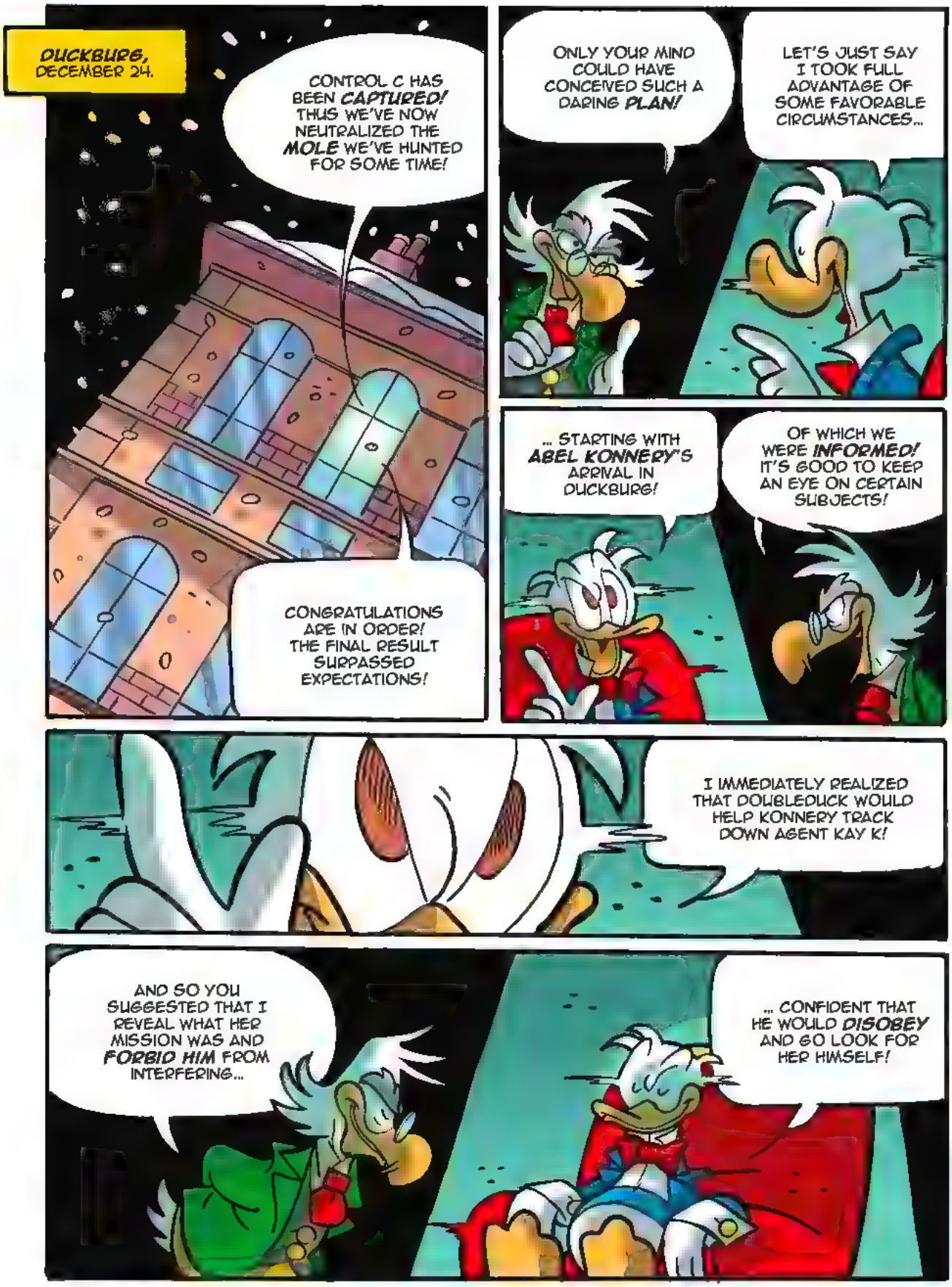

GEEZ, DON'T SAY IT LIKE IT'S THAT EASY...
SWISSS
VLUMP
URGH!
YOU ASKED FOR IT!
C-CALM DOWN, LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS!
HANG ON, DOUBLEDUCK! WE'RE COMING!
POW
NEXT TIME YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY COMING SOONER!
COME ON, LET'S CATCH UP TO THAT CROOK!


DAMMIT, HE'S GETTING AWAY!
OH NO! THE ARCHIVE...
VROOM
...
RELAX! RECOVERING IT WON'T BE NECESSARY...
... BECAUSE I ALREADY TOOK CARE OF IT!
THE FLASH DRIVE?!
HOW DID YOU GET IT BACK FROM RODNA?
THROUGH SHEER LUCK! WHEN I FELL OVER HIM, MY HAND ENDED UP IN HIS POCKET!
CAPS & GAPS
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHY DIDN'T YOU WAIT FOR US IN THE CAR?
YOU KNOW... I GET BORED AFTER A WHILE OF DOING NOTHING!
NOW WE JUST HAVE TO DELIVER THE PROOF TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES!
THEN MY MOTHER'S NAME WILL BE CLEARED AND THOSE TWO CRAFTY DEVILS WILL BE BEHIND BARS!


GENEVA, DECEMBER 23.
GENEVE AEROPORT
TURN OF EVENTS IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE BFC KREDIETBANK CASE, WHICH HAD LED TO THE ARREST OF VICE PRESIDENT LAGARDERE!
LIVE
BREAKING NEWS: BFC
FOLLOWING THE ACQUISITION OF NEW EVIDENCE, ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE OF PRESIDENT MULLER, AS WELL AS THE OTHER VICE PRESIDENT, DIETRICH BAUMAN...
BUS
EXIT
... ACCUSED OF SERIOUS CRIMES, FROM FRAUD TO MONEY LAUNDERING, TOGETHER WITH A POWERFUL AND RAMIFIED CRIMINAL GROUP!
EXIT
THE SAME EVIDENCE HAS EXONERATED JOSEPHINE LAGARDERE, PROVING HER COMPLETE INNOCENCE! THE MYSTERY OF HER ABDUCTION STILL REMAINS...

A MYSTERY THAT WILL REMAIN AS SUCH! AFTER ALL, THE POLICE REPORT SPEAKS CLEARLY...
"DUE OF THE SHOCK SHE UNDERWENT, THE VICTIM REMEMBERS NOTHING!" RIGHT, JO?
RIGHT! I CALL IT "WELL-INTENTIONED WHITE LIE"!
OUR ORGANIZATION FRIENDS, HOWEVER, WILL BE REMEMBERING FOR A LONG TIME!
YOU CAN SAY THAT! THEY ENDED UP LOSING ALMOST *TWO BILLION!*
WE SENT RODNA'S ARCHIVES TO THE SWISS AUTHORITIES, WHO *SEIZED* EVERY LAST DOLLAR!
BUT THAT LOUT MANAGED TO SLIP AWAY!
THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM! I RECKON HIS OWN ACCOMPLICES WILL "TAKE CARE OF HIM"!
BUT ENOUGH ABOUT THAT! I STILL HAVE TO THANK YOU...
DON'T MENTION IT! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU SAVED MY FEATHERS?

TAKE CARE, ABEL! JOSEPHINE...
GOODBYE, DOUBLEDUCK! YOU'LL BE MISSED!
BUST
WE'LL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL TO YOU!
HAVE A GOOD TRIP, DD! SEE YOU AGAIN IN DUCKBURG!
LATER THEN, KAY K...
... ALIAS ARIANNA ADELAIDE!
?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... YOU TOLD HIM!
IT'S A BEA-UTIFUL NAME, HONEY!
I'LL BECOME THE LAUGHINGSTOCK OF THE AGENCY!
SIGH! HERE WE GO AGAIN!
OH, EVERYONE WILL LIKE IT! REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE IN KINDER-GARTEN...


DUCKBURG, DECEMBER 24.
CONTROL C HAS BEEN CAPTURED! THUS WE'VE NOW NEUTRALIZED THE MOLE WE'VE HUNTED FOR SOME TIME!
CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER! THE FINAL RESULT SURPASSED EXPECTATIONS!
ONLY YOUR MIND COULD HAVE CONCEIVED SUCH A DARING PLAN!
LET'S JUST SAY I TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF SOME FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES...
... STARTING WITH ABEL KONNERY'S ARRIVAL IN DUCKBURG!
OF WHICH WE WERE INFORMED! IT'S GOOD TO KEEP AN EYE ON CERTAIN SUBJECTS!
I IMMEDIATELY REALIZED THAT DOUBLEDUCK WOULD HELP KONNERY TRACK DOWN AGENT KAY K!
AND SO YOU SUGGESTED THAT I REVEAL WHAT HER MISSION WAS AND FORBID HIM FROM INTERFERING...
... CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD DISOBEY AND GO LOOK FOR HER HIMSELF!

WHICH IS PRECISELY WHAT WAS NEEDED; AN AGENT OF OURS SECRETLY WORKING IN TOTAL INCOGNITO!
THAT WAY, NOT EVEN THE MOLE COULD FOLLOW HIS MOVEMENTS...
... AND THE ORGANIZATION REMAINED IN THE DARK UNTIL THE OPERATION WAS CONCLUDED!
IF HE KNEW, DOUBLEDUCK MIGHT TAKE OFFENSE!
THEN IT'S BETTER THAT EVERYTHING STAYS BETWEEN US!
WELL, IT'S TIME TO CLOSE SHOP! FAREWELL, BIG BOSS!
GOOD NIGHT, HEAD H...
... AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!
YOU TOO!

BZZZ
SMS
ERRY
MAS!
KAY K

SMS
MERRY XMAS KAY K
FINE